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the receipt of your cablegram directing me to "require compliance with article 5, paragraph 3, foreign," a circular letter was sent to the steamship companies to that effect.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

#### COLOMBIA.

## Reports from Bocas del Toro-Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, May 15, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended Tuesday, May 14, 1901,

May 8, Norwegian steamship Colombia, Hertzberg, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.; Norwegian steamship Simon Dumois, Nieuwjaar, master; crew, 15; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. May 11, Norwegian steamship Kitty, Mortinsen, master; crew, 19; no passengers; for New Orleans, La.; Norwegian steamship Yumuri, Engebretsen, master; crew, 16; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.

The health conditions remain excellent. Very little malarial fever is reported by local practitioners; the occasional rains render the tem-

perature very agreeable.

I inclose herewith a report of the premises disinfected under the supervision of Dr. C. G. Probert, physician to the United Fruit Company, at this place. Mention was made of this in my report of April 10. Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHOUT,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

#### [Inclosure.]

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, April 15, 1901.

SIR: During the last week in March I personally attended to the fumigation and disinfection of all premises in Bocas del Toro, from which cases of yellow fever had been reported in the year 1900, to wit: One room in the merchandise department, United Fruit Company; rooms 5, 7, and 11, Cosmopolitan Hotel; 1 room in the house occupied by the American Café; 2 rooms in the Barrows' house; room 2 in the Clerici Block, and rooms occupied by Dr. Blackburn. The latter were fumigated under the supervision of Dr. Blackburn.

C. G. PROBERT, M. D.

Physician to United Fruit Company, Bocas del Toro, Colombia, South America.

PAUL OSTERHOUT, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S., Bocas del Toro, Colombia, South America.

#### COSTA RICA.

### Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, May 16, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Cleared, May 10, steamship *Holstein*, Mayerhof, master; for New Orleans. Cleared, May 11, steamship *Venus*, Jargensen, master; for New Orleans. Cleared, May 16, steamship *Olympia*, Seiders, master; for New Orleans.

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None of these vessels carried passengers, and triplicates of certificates furnished their masters are inclosed herein.

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On May 13 steamship *Alene*, with 27 passengers from this port, bound for New York, was given a bill of health after said passengers were inspected by me.

For the week ended May 11, 4 deaths occurred in Port Limon, viz: One negro, adult male, accident; 1 negro, adult male, nephritis; 1 negro, adult male, influenza; 1 negro, adult male, syphilis.

The general health of the port and vicinity is fair, there being no

evidence of any infectious or quarantinable disease.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The Surgeon-General,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 13, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report for district under my command for the week ended May 11, 1901:

Nineteen deaths occurred in this city, 3 of which were in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week, per 1,000, was 24.76. Following report shows cause of death:

Meningitis, 4; tuberculosis, 3; enteritis, 2; paludic fever, 2; sclerosis, arterial, 2; fiebre de borras, 1; cachexia, 1; fatty degeneration of the heart, 1; endocarditis, 1; insufficiency, mitral, 1; congestion, pulmonary, 1.

Nine vessels were inspected and passed, granted pratique; 20 bills of health issued vessels leaving Cienfuegos; 177 health certificates issued passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 66 pieces baggage inspected and passed, passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 34 pieces baggage, from Havana, destination Santiago and Manzanillo, were labeled to be disinfected at arrival at destination.

The baggage of 108 laborers embarking on the steamship Saratoga, bound for the Daiquiri Mines, consisting of 104 pieces baggage, was disinfected previous to embarkation.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 5 deaths in the city of Trinidad. No contagious diseases reported in that vicinity; 10 vessels inspected and passed and 10 bills of health issued vessels.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths at that port; no contagious diseases; 5 vessels inspected and passed, and 7 bills of health issued vessels.

Respectfully,

E. F. McConnell,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

In Temporary Charge.

The Surgeon-General, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 20, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report for the district under my command for the week ended May 18, 1901: Twenty-four deaths